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Apparatus and Method for Removing Contaminants

from Semiconductor

Copper Electroplating Baths

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 16, 2004

Date

In response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 16, 2004, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/6394/KMT, the fee of \$54.00 for three additional total claims, and for any other fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper. Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 11 of this paper. Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 21 of this paper and include both attached replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing changes. Remarks begin on page 22 of this paper.